Community Music School
Detroit

CMS-D, a part of the outreach division of Michigan State University’s College of Music, opened its doors in the fall of 2009 to provide high-quality music education and music therapy to people of all ages, abilities, and incomes.

Founded on the belief that music dramatically enhances the quality of life, CMS-Detroit offers opportunities for the study, appreciation, and therapeutic use of music while nurturing the musical development of all.

Our Programs

The Aspiring Musicians Program (AMP) is for children ages 6 - 17 and offers weekly, one-hour group lessons for flute, clarinet, trumpet/coronet, oboe/bassoon, saxophone, French horn, trombone/baritone/tuba, percussion, piano, violin, viola, cello, bass, and guitar. Curriculum includes ensemble playing, music theory, and history.

Early Childhood Music is for children ages birth to 5 years old and exposes toddlers to many different types of music and movement with a curriculum which is proven to enhance brain activity.

New Horizons Band is designed for adults who wish to learn to play a band instrument for the first time or who would like to return to play with like-minded adults.

Music Therapy provides treatment for a variety of conditions ranging from stress to severe handicaps.

Giving to MSU has its benefits. For more information, please visit: www.givingto.msu.edu

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Sponsor a Key

Be a key contributor and you’ll provide music education to youth and adults in Detroit.

You can pay tribute to the important work of CMS-D when you sponsor one or more of the 88 keys on a piano.

Private support allows CMS-D to quickly meet the need of students, primarily through tuition assistance, ensuring that students have access to the beneficial life skills learned through music education.

How it Works

One key is $250. You can sponsor one or more keys – even an entire octave. Sponsor a key yourself, or bring together a group of friends, family or colleagues to make a purchase. We offer two ways to donate: through a one-time gift or by signing up for convenient quarterly payments ($62.50 per quarter).

As a gift, you will receive the actual key that you sponsor. Each key is signed by a CMS-D student and arrives with that student’s story, giving you an inside look at your gift in action.

What it Does

Among the many things your gift allows us to do:
- Sponsor a Key - Provides 4 hours of music therapy
- Sponsor a Major 2nd - 2 keys - Sends AMP students on an enriching field trip
- Sponsor a Perfect 4th - 4 keys - Provides tuition assistance for one AMP student for one year
- Sponsor a Major 6th - 6 keys - Sends 3 infants/toddlers to early childhood music education for 1 year
- Sponsor an Octave - 8 keys - Sends 10 AMP students to summer band camp

The demand for our services is high, and we rely on the generous spirit of others to make it possible to offer our programs. Since 2009, enrollment and the dollars needed for tuition assistance have both increased nearly threefold.

Donation Form

Yes! I want to sponsor a key(s).

How many? ___ x $250 = $_____

Name: __________________________
Address: ________________________
Phone: __________________________
Email: ___________________________

___ Enclosed is my check payable to CMS-Detroit (AE06590)
___ Please charge my one-time credit card gift of $_____
___ I am interested in pledging $_____ through quarterly gifts:

___ Charge my credit card for first payment of $_____
   --OR--

___ Enclosed is my check payable to CMS-Detroit (AE06590) for $____

___ Visa  ___MC  ___ Discover  ___Amex
Number: ________________________
Exp: __________
Signature: ____________________

*Your donation is tax-deductible.

Many thanks to our partner, Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit, for providing the piano keys.